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SUBJ/ EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
REF A. TAIPEI 1569; B) STATE 071355

1. IN VIEW OF REFERENCES TO NEED TOR HELP IN AIR
EVACUATION (SEE REF B), I TOLD GEN LAI THIS MORNING MARCH 29
THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME EARLIER INDICATIONS, THERE WAS NEED FOR
AIRLIFT
IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND C-119'S MENTIONED EARLIER COULD
BE OF HELP. GEN LAI SAID ON BASIS OF GROC DISCUSSIONS
YESTERDAY WITH GVN DEFENSE ATTACHE HERE, HE IS ALREADY
PREPARING FIVE OF AVAILABLE TEN C-119'S SO THEY WILL BE
ABLE DEPART ON SHORT NOTICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS
MORNING ROC AIR OFFICER LEFT FOR SAIGON TO MAKE CONTACT
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WITH GVN ON THE GROUND AND HE WILL PROMPTLY INFORM HIS

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GOVERNMENT ABOUT CALLING FORWARD FIVE AIRCRAFT. A
SECOND FIVE OF THE TEN EARLIER MENTIONED WILL BE AVAILABLE
ALSO IF THEY CAN BE USED.

2. GEN LAI ALSO CONFIRMED THAT TWO LST'S GOT UNDER WAY
LAST NIGHT. THE SECOND TWO WILL BE HELD PENDING CLARI-
FICATION OF CONFUSED REPORTS ABOUT SITUATION SOUTH
VIETNAM. TWO ROC NAVAL OFFICERS HAVE ALSO GONE BY AIR
TO SAIGON TO ASSESS TH SITUATION AND, IF APPROPRIATE,
CALL FORWARD ADDITIONAL TWO LST'S.

3. GEN LAI SAID THAT ROC AIR AND NAVAL OFFICERS COULD
BE REACHED THROUGH GROC EMBASSY, SAIGON, PRESUMABLY
ATTACHE OFFICE.

4. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REF B., I AM ADDRESSING
LETTER TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
FOR WHAT GROC HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY WAY OF
ASSISTANCE AND INFORMING HIM OF GENERAL MESSAGE SENT TO OTHER
ADDRESSES AND SOME OF BACKGROUND CONTAINED PARA 2.
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